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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the Firſt and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wedneſday February 21ſt. to Friday February 23d. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. JOB 2. 9. *His Wife bids him curſe God and die: In another Tranſlation bleſs God and die: In the* Greek; ſpeak a word unto the Lord and finiſh. *I wou'd know whether the* Greek *phraſe incline to bleſſing or curſing. This Verſe as ſet down in the Septuagint, I believe, is the longeſt Verſe in the* Old Teſtament, *wherein ſhe recounts in a moſt lamentable manner, her own and her Husband's Calamities, which other Tranſlations do not in the leaſt take notice of, in the foregoing, this, or following Verſes. Is not the* Hebrew *as full as the* Greek? *And why is there ſo remarkable an Omiſſion in other Languages?*

A. We have accounted for the Differenee of Tranſlations in a former Paper, and by what we there obſerved it is apparent, that the meaning of the words of the [illegible] is, *Curſe God*, though by Reaſon of the Horror [illegible] expreſſion, it is avoided both in the LXXII and the [illegible]. The long Speech of *Jobs* Wife in this Ver. is left out in the *Complutenſian* Edition, and the LXXII made to anſwer the Vulgar *Latin*, as being ſuppoſed to be only a Gloſs crept into the Text, of which there are other Inſtances in the *Bible*. Notwithſtanding it is found in all the *Greek* Copies, and mentioned by *Olympiodorus* and *Chryſoſtom Homil.* 8. in 1 *Cor.* as we are informed by *Nobilius*.

Q. Gentlemen, *Of what Nature and how performed were the Feaſts of Love, the Holy Kiſs, the Order of Deaconeſs in the primitive Times?*

A. The Feaſt of Love, called otherwiſe *Agapæ*, were certain Suppers which the Primitive Chriſtians ſolemnly obſerved in the Temples, after the Lord's Supper, for the Confirmation of mutual Love and Charity; that were made at the expence of the Rich, who invited; but being, even in the time of the Apoſtles, abuſed, they were afterwards forbid. Notwithſtanding the *Greek* Church ſtill retain them at ſome of their great Feſtivals, as that of *Eaſter, Pentecoſt, &c.* And even here in *England* our Country Wakes are a Remainder of them; for theſe are Feaſts obſerved in Country Pariſhes, at the Time of the Conſecration of their Churches, which were firſt permitted the *Engliſh*, when newly converted by *Gregory* the Great, upon Condition that they celebrated them, either in Tents or under ſhady Trees near the Churches, but not within them. The Holy Kiſs, or the Kiſs of Charity, was us'd at the end of the Prayer before the Celebration of the Sacrament. So *Juſtin Martyr* teſtifies, *Prayers being ended, we ſalute one another with an Holy Kiſs, and then the Bread and Cup is brought to the Preſident.* The Aopſtolical Conſtitutions require that this be done by the Men apart, and the Women apart: But *Origen* ſeems to make this Practice proper to the Men only. The Order of Deaconeſſes was the ſame as that of Widows, whoſe Qualifications are mentioned by St. *Paul*, 1 *Tim.* 5. 10. Their Office was to attend Women at the time of their Baptiſm, which was uſually performed by a total Immerſion of their Bodies, and therefore decency required the attendance of thoſe of their own Sex to order their attire. They were likewiſe to attend upon Martyrs in Priſon, to inſtruct the Catechumens of their own Sex, and in ſhort to regulate all the behaviour of the Women during Divine Service.

Q. Gentlemen, *I humbly entreat your ſpeedy Solution to the enſuing Propoſition ſince I have found none that can give me a ſatisfactory Account thereof, which hath emboldened me to apply my ſelf to your ſolid Judgments herein, viz. Why the reading, or writing, with Spectacles, ſhould not rather obſcure the Sight, and*

ſtrain the Eyes than eaſe them, and make the Character, which is the Object of our Sight, more viſible.

I reſt, Your Humble Servant, *J. B.*

A. The Rays of any viſible Image paſſing thro' a **Convex-Glaſs** are ſo refracted, as to concur in the Axis of the viſual Rays: From whence it follows, that an Object appears both larger in Dimenſions, and more diſtinct in Parts, when viewed through a Convex-Glaſs, than when only with the naked Eye, becauſe more of the Rays are, by reaſon of the Convexity, obverted to the Object, conducted into the Pupil of the Eye, than otherwiſe would have been. For the Convexity of the Glaſs cauſes that all thoſe Rays, which otherwiſe would have been terminated on the Iris, Eye-lids, and other circumjacent Parts, are refracted, and by Refraction deflected from the Lines of Direction, ſo that concurring in the viſual Axis, they enter the Pupil of the Eye in one united Stream, and ſo render the Image impreſſed on the *Tunica Retina*, more lively and diſtinct, and increaſed by ſo many Parts, as are the Rays ſuperadded to thoſe which proceed from the Parts directly confronting the Pupil of the Eye.

Q. *Delays in Dangers oft produce ill Fates,*
When quick Apply's may hinder broken Pates.

Gentlemen, *Tipling in a Cellar near the* Maypole *in the* Strand, *with a* Tinker *and a* Botcher, *a warm diſpute aroſe, concerning their Profeſſions, one preferring his own Trade and undervaluing the others, till at length the conteſt grew ſo high the brawny* PUGILES *reſolved to box it out in* Hockly Amphitheater, *but my timely interpoſition ſtop'd their preſent Fury, and perſuaded them patiently to ſubmit to your Arbitrament; wherefore to prevent Cetuan Knocks and Bruiſes, broken Shins and bloody Noſes, Your ſpeedy Judgment is earneſtly deſir'd by their Brother Toper, and your much obliged Servant,*

Don Saltero Barbero ſo,

By you made Friends, we will the Favour boaſt,
And Phœbus's *Health ſhall be our Brandy Toaſt.*

A. Thus we reſolve conteſting Cavaliero's,
To ſave the Blood of ſuch Illuſtrious Hero's.

We muſt acknowledg it to be a very nice and difficult Point to anſwer a Queſtion which allows of ſo large a Field for Diſputation; and where the opponents have ſuch large ſtocks of Merit to plead, ſome Analogical and others diverſify'd; and when we have ſet forth their various Excellencies, it will be another Queſtion to ſhew which are preferrible, and ſo the ſubject may break forth in Arguments *ad Infinitum*; howe'er we'll attempt an Eſſay. In one glorious Circumſtance, their Qualifications are Synonimous, ſince all their occupations lye in *Emendation*, tho' not of manners, yet of matters tending to the Decoration or comfort of Humane Exiſtence. The *Botcher* mends the Breeches, who, tho' thereby he may intrench on the Definition of a Philoſopher, yet he may lengthen his Days, by defending him from thoſe Nothern blaſts, which at the wrong end may affect the Right. And of ſuch ſubtilty is his Art, that by it he often gives a longer Duration to Veſtments, than the Perſon employ'd in their firſt Formation. Of ſuch extent too is his employment, that there is no Art or Science, which does not maintain a great number of Botchers. The *Tinker's* Prerogative is vaſtly extenſive; every Hedge pays him Tribute of Linnen, and every Hen-rooſt ſupplies his Table; not a fat Gooſe, when he makes a Tour into the Country, but offers her Life and Fortune to his Diſpoſal; nay, very often the Country Girls pay him Toll out of their Market Money. Then our Kitching Furniture is ſo indebted to him for lengthening their Date, that many an indifferent Dinner, hath been highly improv'd by his Fortunate arrival. He muſt alſo be allow'd to be a Sublimer *Genius*, than others of his height of Station, by his taſt in Muſic, being continually exerciſed in the Practic part, if he be an abſolute Stranger to the Theoric.

Let then the *Tinker* be *Saltero's* Toaſt,
Phœbus ſuch Vermin's wiſhes ne'er will boaſt.

Q. Gentlemen, *There being a Wager depending upon the following Queſtion, both Parties deſire your Opinion in your next. The Queſtion is,* viz. *Whether, when the Sun is exactly in the Equinox, it appears one half of the natural Day, and diſappears the other half, in all Places of the World whatſoever? One Party lays it does, the Other, it does not.*

Your ſpeedy Anſwer will very much oblige your great Admirers,

R. T. J. N.

A. The Time of the Sun's ſtay above and below the Horizon, is at the Equinox exactly equal in all Parts of the World, excepting the two Polar Points. For to them the Sun neither riſes nor ſets, but its Center moves round the Horizon, (which there is the ſame as the Equator) ſo that, properly, they have neither Night nor Day, for the ſpace of 24 Hours.

POEMS.

Q. YE Phœbians *ſay, for doubtleſs you muſt know,*
All the concerns of Monarchies *below,*
Upon Great ANNA's *late Nativity,*
When earthly Glory *did with* HEAV'NLY *vie*
And ſhew her Court, a ſpangled Gallaxy;
When ev'ry Beauty *with Illuſtrious Dreſs,*
Ambitiously did Rivalſhip confeſs;
And ev'ry Face, *with Joy did look as bright,*
Each Heart o'erflowing too with vaſt Delight;
And well they might rejoice upon that Day,
When Heav'n *ſuch large Indulgence did diſplay,*
To bleſs this Iſle *with ſuch a glorious* Q——n,
Whoſe Parrallel ne'er was, nor will be ſeen,
Why then, two Ladies, *rais'd to envi'd Pitch,*
And whom her Bounty *made prodigious Rich,*
Whoſe Favour *was the Fountain, whence all know,*
Their Grandeurs *more than from their* Merits *flow:*

Why

Why they UNDREST *shou'd there appear alone,*
As if with Rudeneſs to aſſault the Throne;
Not with one Jewel *to approach that Place,*
From whence they'd all, which did there Titles *grace,*
Or was it conſcious Shame of being prais'd
For that Maternal *Guilt, their Fortunes rais'd?*

Say alſo why G——n *too was theve,*
Not in Gilt Coach, but in a Mourning Chair,
Who from Her Treaſuries *ſuch Sums did reap,*
Which well a Prince's Equipage might keep,
Since Wealth he thence, and ſo immence did gain,
He might (and never charg'd with being vain)
Appear ſure with a far more Shining Train.

Reſolve theſe Riddles, which appear ſo odd,
And therein ſhew the Wiſdom of a God.

A. INGRATITUDE which *Lucifer* transform'd,
When imp'ously, the Throne of *Heav'n* he ſtorm'd,
The *Vice* when baniſh'd from thoſe Fields of Light,
He brought to Earth, wrapt up in ſhrouds of [Night
With which he furniſhes *ambitious* Hearts,
Prompt'd by him to perform their curſed Parts:
The *Ladies* by *Maternal Guilt* inſpir'd,
And all the Malice of their *Mother* fir'd,
Appear'd in ſuch a Diſhabilie there,
To ſhew that they her *real Offspring* were,
Which they wou'd think ſuſpected if not ſeen,
By ſome groſs Rudeneſs, to *affront* the Q——
The *Peer*, the *Days* bright Luſter to controul,
Appear'd in *Black*, to ſuit his *darker Soul*;
And ſhew ſuch bold aſpirers ſcorn by courſe,
All ſigns of Penitence and of Remorſe.
And therefore to confront the general Voice,
Shew He durſt *mourn* when all the reſt *rejoice*:
But *A——a* ſmiled to ſee their vain aſſaults
Not thinking worthy of a Frown their Faults.

Q. *Till Twenty I tarry'd*
Before that I marry'd,
But wiſh'd that I ſtill had kept Single,
For never yet Woman,
Sure had ſuch a No Man,
Or ſuch a poor wretched Tom Dingle.

Tho he is no Sot,
What's worſe, he's a Cot,
Still dangling about in the Kitchen,
Far better I'm ſure,
I cou'd him endure,
If above with the Maids he was ſtitching.

Below he is bold,
Will Hector and Scold,
And talk as he thinks, with much Wit;
But when he's abroad
He has not one word,
But gapes like a Pigon a Spit.

Affronts he will take,
For Quietneſs ſake,
And ſometimes ask Pardon beſide,
And bears with much eaſe,
What ever they pleaſe,
Let 'em banter, lampoon or deride.

But when he is come,
From their Company Home,
He revenges the Injuries paſt,
Kicks the Foot-boy about,
Makes the Maids all run out,
And abuſes me ſometimes at laſt,

Now ſay and I'll prize ye,
What to do with this Nizey,
And which way is beſt to reform Him,
Shall I ſooth and perſuade him,
Or boldly invade him,
And with a keen Dialect ſtorm Him.

For as matters are,
No longer I'll bear,
He's grown ſo moroſe and uncivil,
Abroad my diſgrace,
Rude at Home to my Face,
And but rarely —— that is the Devil.

PHILLIS.

A 'Tis Pity young *Phillis,*
Your Condition ſo ill is,
But you come for our Counſel too late,
You ſhou'd well have weigh'd,
What here you've diſplay'd
Before you had enter'd that State.

For *better* for *worſe,*
Be it *Good* or a *Curſe,*
You are now engaged for Life;
If you've Cauſe to blame Him,
The beſt way to ſhame Him,
Is in proving an *Excellent Wife.*

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, February 24th. Adviſe that the Count de Tilly and Lieutenant General Dopft have had ſeveral Conferences with the Deputies of the States, about a Project for forming and Army on the Maeze,

Maeze, but this is referred to the arrival of the Duke of Marlborough, and many are of Opinion, that although the French ſhould have an Army on that ſide under the Elector of Bavaria, as they give out, the Allies will content themſelves to leave ſufficient Garriſons in the Places along that River, and act with all their Forces on the ſide of Artois, in order to penetrate into France; That the Officers in the Service of the States having repreſented the Impoſibility of getting their Companies compleat by the 5th of March, as it was order'd, the States have granted them a further delay, but Commiſſaries will certainly be appointed to review them by the latter end of next Month; That the Recruits for the Switzers are raiſed with ſo much ſucceſs, that the Regiments of that Nation in the Service of the States, will be compleat in 3 Weeks time, and about one half of their Recruits are already arrived in the Netherlands.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

Juſt Publiſhed.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

AT the Office of Inſurance on Marriage, in *Bolt-Court*, *Fleet-Street*, any Perſon by Paying 2 *s.* for a Policy, Stamps and 2 *s.* towards each Marriage, until their own, or the Marriage of any other Perſon may ſecure to themſelves 200 *l.* *Note*, tho' this Office began but the 2d of *January*, there are above 1800 Subſcribers, out of which no more than 26 Married this Year, who have received from 12 *l.* to 140 *l.* at the ſmall Charge of 4 *s.* to 12 *s.* the 26 Claimants having paid no more than 14 *l.* for 2500 *l.* which will appear by their Receipts, which may be ſeen at the Office, and the Perſons are all ready and willing to teſtify the Truth hereof: Wherefore 'tis hoped the Profits which are daily increaſing, will induce all Perſons who conſult their own Intereſt to incourage this which has given ſuch convincing Proofs by regular Payments of its Fairneſs and Advantage. At the ſame Place is a Second Inſurance, where any Perſons paying 5 *s.* for a Policy and Entrance, and 5 *s.* towards each Marriage, may Secure to themſelves 500 *l.* Propoſals may be had *Gratis*

AT the Faithful Office of Inſurance at Widow Prat's Coffee-Houſe, in Cat-Eaton-Street, between St. Laurance-Church and the corner of Aldermanbury. Subſcriptions are taken in upon Marriages at a certain Charge, by Weekly Payment and Contribution, Where Perſons may Inſure for Two Months, and pay no Contribution of One Month after Entrance. Likewiſe Inſurance upon Births at a Certain Charge, wherein Perſons are admitted to Inſure for Six Weeks, or one Month, and be at no further Charge in Three Weeks after Entrance. Subſcriptions are likewiſe taken in upon Hir'd Servants, where any one may Inſure for the Space of Five or Six Months, and be at no more Charge for Three Months after Entrance. Note, This Week two Perſons have receiv'd Twenty Pounds for the Expence of Thirty Shillings, by Inſuring upon Births. Propoſals are given Gratis at the Office.

At a Certain Charge.

ON Thurſday being the 15th Inſtant, February in the Little Piazza Covent Garden, was opened 2 Books for Inſurance on Marriage where any one may be intitu'd to 750 *l.* or 500 *l.* by way of a Weekly Payment and Dividend.

Note, at the ſame Place on Perſons for 17 *s.* 6 *d.* by him paid, has received 60 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* on the Birth of a Child; ann one Service any one may be intitul'd to 1000 *l.* 500 *l.* 250 *l.* or 100 *l.* by way of a Weekly payment and Dividend alſo.

BY the Honourable and Voluntary Societies, for Inſurance on Marriages, Births and Servants, by Claims and Devidends, at the Golden-Harp, almoſt againſt Somerſet-Houſe in the Strand.

This Day Subſcriptions are taken in for Inſuring on the Birth of a Child 1000, 500, 250 and 100 l. by Claims and Devidends, for 1, 2 and 3 Months.

N B. On Monday the 19th Inſtant, the firſt Weeks Contribution was paid to 5 Claimants, when two Perſons 17 s. 6 d. by them paid, receiv'd 26 l. 16 s. 6 d. each.

Inſurance on Marriages and Servants by Claims and Devidends for 2 or 4 Months, very great Encouragement for them that Enter from this Day.

Note, No more than 2 *s.* is taken for Pollicies Stamps and Entrance in any of theſe Offices.

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At a Certain Charge.

THis Day Subſcriptions are taken in upon Births and Marriages, at the Three Crowns, next to Durham-Yard in the Strand, for 6 Weeks, and Servants 3 Months upon a Dividend, Likewiſe Subſcriptions are taken in upon Marriages, upon a Claim for a Month. Truſtees being choſen, and Undeniable Security is given for the performance of the ſame.

Propoſals at large to be had at the Office *Gratis*

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